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Re: Our Ref. No.: 501.43170X00
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Dear Examiner Little:

In connection with our telephone conversation this morning, whereas you stated the USPTO has misplaced the Utility application documents filed on October 2, 2003, enclosed herewith please find copies of the following, in connection with the above-identified application:

1. USPTO date-stamped postcard
2. Utility Patent Application Transmittal
3. Fee Transmittal
4. Credit Card Payment Form
5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet
6. Assignment
7. Specification
8. Declaration (5 pages)
9. Figures (13 sheets)
10. Information Disclosure Statement; and
11. Form PTO/1449 and the references cited therein.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Letter Claiming Right of Priority, filed November 20, 2003, claiming priority for JP 2002-315959, filed in Japan on October 30, 2002, together with a copy of the first page of the priority document and a copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed January 6, 2004 submitting a Substitute Specification (marked-up copy of spec attached) and amendments to the claims and abstract.

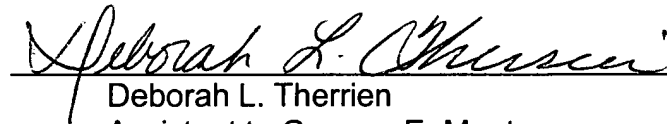
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By the submission of the above referenced documents, the USPTO now has copies of all the documents filed to date in regard to application number 10/676,605.

Please forward a filing receipt as soon as possible and expedite the prosecution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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